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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 5-7, 18-20, 22, 24, 26, and 31-32 as follows:

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- 5. (Amended) Decarbamylase crystal according to claim 1, wherein the crystal contains at least one or more heavy metal atoms per decarbamylase molecule.
 - 6. (Amended) Decarbamylase crystal according to claim 5, wherein the heavy metal atom is any of mercury, gold, platinum, lead, iridium, osmium, and uranium.
 - 7. (Amended) Frozen decarbamylase crystal, prepared by freezing the decarbamylase crystal according to claim 1 in liquid nitrogen.